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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, Illinois

B.S. in Computer Science and Bioengineering

Expected Graduation: May 2027

Related Coursework: CS 374: Introduction to Algorithms & Models of Computation, CS 441: Applied Machine Learning, CS 411: Database Systems, MATH 357: Numerical Methods 1, BIOE 380: Biomedical Imaging

• **GPA:** 3.96/4.00

EXPERIENCE

Data Engineer @ CSL Behring

March 2025 – Present Bradley, Illinois

- Consolidating **GMP batch data** from five global sites into **Palantir Foundry** and **Databricks** using custom data syncs, agents, and ontologies to enhance traceability and accelerate **deviation detection**
- Building a real-time **Deviations & Alarms dashboard** with an interactive UI, enabling **100+ users** to monitor batch issues and perform root cause analysis through **end-to-end batch genealogy tracking**
- Integrating an AIP Agent to power natural language queries, automated graphing, and cross-departmental trend analysis
- Developing an Al-powered recommendation system using vector embeddings and RAG-style retrieval to suggest similar past deviations for faster CAPA decisions

Software Engineer Technical Lead @ Disruption Lab at Gies

January 2025 - Present

Champaign, Illinois

- Developed a RAG-based backend pipeline for personalized Coursera AI avatars using Pinecone for vector embeddings,
 Claude Sonnet 3.5 via Amazon Bedrock, and AWS infrastructure to enable semantic search and contextual responses
- Integrated the model with the frontend, enabling real-time, course-specific student interactions and built a clear implementation roadmap for end-to-end system deployment

Project Manager @ Illinois Medical Advancements Through Design and Engineering (I-MADE)

August 2024 - Present

Champaign, Illinois

- Leading development of a React Native mobile app for Treehouse Pediatric Therapy, using Figma and managing a detailed product roadmap to ensure timely delivery for a tool impacting 30+ therapists and their appointments
- Conducted 4+ technical workshops to upskill a team of 6+ developers, enabling each member to contribute and build functional app screens

Research Intern @ Argonne National Laboratory

August 2022 – May 2024

Lemont, Illinois

- Project 1: 16S rRNA Sequencing & Analysis of Soil Microbial Communities under Mrs. Sara Forrester
- Processed 100+ soil samples and extracted DNA from each sample using the DNeasy PowerSoil Pro Kit
- Programmed in R (RStudio) to generate detailed bar graph models comparing microbial compositions
- Project 2: Protein Crystallography and Bioinformatics under Dr. Narayanasami Sukumar
- Analyzed Type-I copper proteins using data from the Advanced Photon Source and 3D modeling tools (CCP4MG, COOT)
- Built Python and Java scripts to automate data processing workflows, cutting analysis time by 95%

PROJECTS

Predicting The Hardship Index of Chicago Communities

- Analyzed public service and socioeconomic data from the Chicago Data Portal to identify which factors (e.g., schools, hospitals, businesses) most influence the Hardship Index across 70+ communities
- Built predictive models (Linear/Lasso Regression, KNN) using Scikit-Learn, PyTorch, and GeoPandas, and began
 implementing a neural network to determine optimal charity placement and community resource allocation

Course Minor Recommender

- Designed a minor recommendation system for UIUC students using React Native and Python with Django to analyze a student's major and completed coursework
- Integrated Adzuna API to display jobs tailored to each major-minor combo, using survey data from 100+ students

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Certifications:** Machine Learning in Python through IBM, Introduction to Deep Learning & Neural Networks with Keras through IBM
- Programming Languages: Java, C++, Python, SQL, React Native, HTML/CSS, Javascript
- Tools: Android Studio, Anaconda, Eclipse, Jupyter Notebooks, Git, RStudio, Oracle